



**Powell-Deer Lodge-Granite
County FSA Office
1002 Hollenback Rd, Ste B
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Powell-Deer Lodge-Granite County June 2007 Newsletter

County Committee Members

Carl Johnson – Chair – LAA 1-4
Barb Conn - LAA 1-2
Steve Graveley – LAA 1-1
Marlin Gilman – LAA 1-3
Phil Ralston - LAA 1-5

FSA Office Personnel

Gary Thompson – ext 233
Sandra Witt – ext 232

Dates to Remember:

June 15 – Nominations Open for
COC election
Notice of Loss – 15 calendar
days following disaster
July 4 – Office Closed
July 16 – Acreage report deadline
July 16 – Deadline to submit 2006
NAP production reports
July 16 – Deadline to file 2006
crop application for NAP payment
August 1 – Deadline for
reconstitutions
August 1 – Last day to file COC
nomination forms at the local FSA
office
August 3 – Signature deadline on
2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical
Program (DCP)
September 28 – Final date for late
filed 2007 DCP contracts
October 2 & 3 – Women Stepping
Forward for Agriculture
Symposium, Dillon
November 2 – COC ballots will be
mailed to eligible voters
December 3 – Last day to return
voted COC ballots to the local FSA
office

2007 Final Year of DCP Program Under 2002 Farm Bill

The sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program has been extended from June 1 to August 3, 2007.

The extension applies only to the enrollment time frame and does not extend the annual DCP contract period beyond September 28, 2007. A late-file fee of \$100 will be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007 but no later than September 28, 2007. Applications filed after September 28, 2007 cannot be approved.

We encourage you to signup early to avoid the \$100 late file fee. Contact the office to set up an appointment.

Loan & LDP Final Availability Dates

Loans and LDP's are available to eligible producers who have:

- ❖ Reported acreage of the crop for which a loan or LDP is requested.
- ❖ Complied with all other program provisions

Request for loans and LDP's shall be made on or before the final availability date. Following are the final availability dates for crops harvested in 2007 for wool & mohair :

Commodity	Availability Date
Wool/mohair for wool/mohair clipped in calendar year 2007	January 31, 2008

2007 Acreage Reports

All acreage reports need to be accurate and filed by the final reporting date of **July 16, 2007**. Certification is mandatory if any of the following apply:

- ◆ You receive DCP payments
- ◆ You have acres enrolled in CRP
- ◆ Loans or LDP's will be requested; including Wool, Mohair and Honey
(All cropland on the farm must be certified to be eligible for DCP and loan program benefits).

- ◆ Acreage is covered by NAP

Failure to report accurately may result in loss of program and price support benefits.

Youth Summer Camps Available

Montana Range Days – Conrad, June 18-20, 2007. Contact Kody Farkell at 406/278-7611 ext. 101 for further information.

Montana Youth Range Camp – Roundup, July 23-27, 2007. Contact the Lower Musselshell Conservation District at 406/323-2103.

Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp – Lubrecht Experimental Forest northeast of Missoula, July 22-27, 2007. Contact your local Conservation District.

For complete camp information logon to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation web site at:
<http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cadd/camps/default.asp> or by calling 406/444-6667.

Measurement Service Charges

On farm measurement is charged at:

- Basic farm fee of \$30.00;
- Plus an hourly rate of \$16.00 for the first hour and \$8.00 for each additional ½ hour after the first hour. The minimum is 1 hour.

The hourly rate includes the time to travel from the FSA county office to the farm, complete the measurement service and return to the county office.

An "Initial Fee" is required at the time the measurement service is requested and the fee must be collected before the measurement service is performed. The initial fee will be the basic rate plus the hourly minimum. Once the service has been completed the actual fee will be calculated. The initial fee will be subtracted from the calculated fee and a letter will be sent informing you of the additional amount owed. If the amount is \$9.99 or less then an additional fee is not required.

In-office measurements are charged at:

- a basic farm rate of \$15.00 plus a 30-minute minimum rate of \$8.00.

Measurement Service Charges (cont.)

Bin site measurements will be calculated according to the farm number and the physical location of the bins:

- for one farm with multiple bin sites, only one FSA-409 (a written request to have acreage measured by FSA) is required;
- for multiple farms and all the grain is stored in bins at one site, only one FSA-409 is required where the bin site is physically located;
- for multiple farms with a different bin site for each farm, a separate FSA-409 is required for each farm and bin site.

Powell-Deer Lodge-Granite County Committee

A county or area served by the COC is divided into local administrative areas (LAA). Each LAA is represented by one member on the county committee. ***As a county committee member you are the local voice of how FSA programs are administered to meet your local community and resource needs.***

The Powell-Deer Lodge-Granite County Committee has 5 LAA's.

LAA 1-1; all land in Powell County north of Township 11 N.
LAA 1-2; all land in Granite County north of Township 8 N.
LAA 1-3; all land in Powell County south of Township 12 N, and north of Boulder River Rd east of Deer Lodge and north of Township 7 N to the west of Deer Lodge.

LAA 1-4; all land in Powell and Deer Lodge Counties south of Boulder River Road to the east of Deer Lodge, and south of Township 8 N to the west of Deer Lodge, and east of Range 11 W.

LAA 1-5; all land in Granite County south of Township 9 N and all land in Powell and Deer Lodge Counties west of Range 10 W, and south of Township 8 N.

Beginning **June 15, 2007**, nominations are being accepted for candidates for County Committee (COC) positions. Two of the LAA's will be holding an election this year. LAA 1-3 and LAA 1-4.

The nominee must sign the nomination form in order to be nominated as a COC member.

A nomination form is attached to this newsletter, is available at the county office or by logging on to the Montana FSA website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt>.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the FSA county office by **August 1, 2007**. Ballots will be sent to eligible voters beginning November 2, 2007. The final day for voters to submit their voted ballots is December 3, 2007.

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FSA-669A
(03-08-06)U.S. Department of Agriculture
Farm Service Agency**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or print Nominee's Full Name)		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.		5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		6A. COUNTY
		6B. LAA NO.
		7. STATE
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	4B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

8. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

ETHNICITY	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	GENDER
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
	<input type="checkbox"/> White	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

ITEM 1 Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:

- A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
- B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
- C. Willing to serve if elected.

ITEM 2 Enter the nominee's current address.**ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.**ITEM 4** The nominee must sign and date.**ITEM 8** Completing this item is voluntary.**ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1.**

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for County FSA Committee.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

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Filing a Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Notice-of-Loss

To qualify for assistance under NAP, production losses or prevented planting must have occurred as a result of an eligible cause of loss. An eligible cause of loss is any of the following:

- damaging weather, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, or excessive wind; or
- adverse natural occurrences, such as earthquake or flood; or
- a condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence, such as excessive heat, disease or insect infestation.

Wildlife damage and weeds are **not** considered eligible causes of loss under NAP.

A notice of loss must be provided within 15 calendar days after the:

- disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer for yield losses;
- final planting date for prevented planting.

If a Notice-of-Loss is filed prior to the final planting date established for the specific crop, the producer is expected to replant the crop. If the Notice-of-Loss is filed after the established final planting date and the intent is to reseed to another crop intended for harvest, such as barley for grain, which is covered under crop insurance, a NAP payment cannot be received on the original failed crop.

Montana is not a double cropping state. If the intent is to destroy the crop, summer fallow it, or reseed to another crop **not** intended for harvest, representative strips must be left in the field so that a loss adjuster can be sent out closer to normal harvest time to appraise the original seeded crop. In this situation, the original seeded crop would still be eligible for a payment.